

Conferences, Farmers - 1938

Alabama

Talladega, Ala., Daily Home
February 1, 1938

Negro Farmers Will Hold Conference

Athens, Ala., Courier
July 28, 1938

NEGRO FARMERS TO SHOW STOCK IN LIMESTONE SHOW

In last week's issue of this news paper notice was given that the annual colt show would be held in Athens on the first Monday in September and that the Chamber of Commerce is at present working on the premium list and that both horse colts and mule colts would be eligible for entry in this show.

A number of negro farmers who have fine young colts have this week contacted the agricultural committee of the C. of C. including C. D. Feigley, C. R. Jones, Bruce Nelson and G. B. Phillips, making inquiry as to whether they might enter their colts in this show.

The committee announces they will be delighted to have such colts entered. In other words, any farmer in Limestone County, white or black, having mule colts or horse colts, and who are interested in developing the production of horses and mules in Limestone County are invited and urged to help make this event in September even bigger and better than it was last year.

Dr. R. S. Sugg of Auburn, who helped with the details and with the judging of last year's show, has already advised County Agent Phillips that he will be glad to be present for this event.

Each farmer in Talladega County is a member of the large army of "Hunger Fighters." Each new thing learned that will make for better living with more food and feed per family proves that these hunger fighters are not fighting in vain.

This year the "Hunger Fighters" are to have a farmers' conference. Friday Feb. 4, farmers from all over the county will gather at the County Training School to learn new methods of farming and to get inspiration to do a better job of farming for 1938.

The program begins at 10 o'clock. Come on time. Everybody is welcome. Program follows:

10 a.m.—General assembly—Rev. A. Player.

10:30 a.m.—Discussion groups: Men—Poultry—James Mundy, and D. B. Armstrong assisting. Women—Personal relations—Susie Elliott and E. S. Scott assisting. Home improvement—L. R. Daly and M. R. Daly, assisting.

Noon—See exhibits.

1:30 p.m.—Afternoon session.

Short talks:

Judge E. A. Hammett—judge of probate.

E. A. McBride—county superintendent of education.

Dr. J. H. Hill—county health officer.

Mrs. O. S. Hill—county supervisor of education.

Miss Harriet Plowden—home demonstration agent.

O. V. Hill—county farm demonstration agent.

Introduction of speaker—Master of ceremonies.

Speaker—W. W. Hayes.

Introduction of visitors.

Come—Bring your dinner.

COMMITTEE

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Florida

Quincy, Fla., Times
January 27, 1938

ANNOUNCE MEETINGS FOR NEGRO FARMERS

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The negro farmers regard it a special privilege to have these representatives of the federal government visit Florida at this time to advise them in their respective lines. Many questions regarding the 1938 crop plans will be clarified and explained for the farmers during these meetings.

The meeting in Quincy will be held at 2:30 in the afternoon of Friday, February 4, at the Arnette A. M. E. church. The public is invited.

Jacksonville, Times-Union
January 27, 1938

Meetings for Negro Farmers Scheduled To Start Jan. 28

Special to Times-Union.

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The schedule is as follows: At

Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, January 28 at 9 A. M.; Crooms Academy, Sanford, January 29 at 1:30 P. M.; Plant City High School, Plant City, January 30 at 2:30 P. M.; Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church, Bradenton, January 30 at 7:30 P. M.; Wildwood Colored School, Wildwood, February 1 at 4 P. M.; Fessenden Academy, Martin (8 miles north of Ocala), February 2 at 9:30 A. M.; Florida Memorial College, Live Oak, February 3 at 1 P. M.; Madison High School, Madison, February 3 at 8 P. M.; Florida A. & M. College, Tallahassee, February 4 at 10 A. M.; Arnette A. M. E. Church, Quincy, February 4 at 2:30 P. M.; St. Luke Baptist Church, Marianna, February 5 at 11 A. M.

Negro Farmers Have Conclave

With a representative group of negro farmers from leading agricultural communities, the Leon county farmers' council celebrated its third anniversary last week at Miccosukee.

During the morning session of the regular quarterly meeting, K. S. McMullen, county agent, introduced C. M. Hampson, extension specialist in farm management, who discussed community and county planning and brought out several points and methods on how to use your county agents.

L. H. Lewis, state specialist in field crops and livestock, gave a sweet potato demonstration in the afternoon. Using a middle buster and a cutting coultter, a few rows were harvested, graded and banded. The object was to show ways of utilizing time and obtaining better grades of potatoes for the market, and leaving the vines to build the soil and the trash potatoes for the hogs.

Later, A. L. Holsey, AAA field officer, addressed the group, and praised the organization for getting together to discuss and formulated plans for improving agriculture among the negro people.

Other visitors who gave remarks were Alice Poole, negro home demonstration agent, G. W. Conoly, A and M college instructor, and Beulah Shute, negro state home demonstration agent.

The next meeting will be held

the first Wednesday in December and election of officers and adoption of a few new programs will be discussed by the council.

Tallahassee, Fla. Democrat
September 4, 1938

Negro Farm Group To Celebrate Its Third Anniversary

The Leon county negro farmers' council will hold its third anniversary celebration Wednesday in conjunction with the quarterly meeting at Miccosukee, R. E. Wyer, negro county agent, announced.

The organization is composed of representatives from every community farm club in the county and was organized to promote better farming and living in the county.

Farmers other than regular members will be present to aid in celebrating the third anniversary, and receive agricultural information, along with a few representatives of neighboring counties.

The morning session of the program will be devoted to activities of the council, and community club planning, led by C. M. Hampson, extension specialist in farm management from the University of Florida. Dinner will be served at noon by the host farm club at Miccosukee. Music will be presented by the club organization. The program for the evening session will consist of a demonstration in harvesting and grading sweet potatoes, by L. H. Lewis, state specialist in live stock and field crops, Jacksonville.

The anniversary address will be delivered by A. L. Holsey, field officer, addressed the group, and officers of the agriculture adjustment administration, and publicity director for Tuskegee Institute.

Fla. Negro Farmers Council Meets

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (ANP) Leon County Negro Farmers Council, representing local adult farmers' groups in different communities, held their annual get together recently, for the purpose of planning their program of fall activities.

Through the efforts of R. E. Wyer, Negro County Agent, who organized the council, S. M. Hampson, State Extension Specialist, addressed the council on community club planning. L. H. Lewis, State Specialist in Field Crops, and Live Stock, discussed potato grading and harvesting sweet potatoes.

Other included Mrs. Beulah Shute, district home agent, Mrs. Alice Poole, Leon County agent, and Albon L. Holsey, field office, AAA. The meeting was held at Miccosukee Community Church, and Richard Robinson, president of the council presided.

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Vienna, Ga. News
January 20, 1938

NEGROES TO CONFER ON FARMING

EXPERTS TO SPEAK ON PRO-
GRAM SET FOR SATURDAY
MORNING IN VIENNA
SCHOOL BUILDING

The annual general farm conference for Negro farmers of Dooley county will be held at the Vienna high and industrial school in Vienna Saturday, January 22, at 10:30 o'clock, at which time, in addition to round-table discussions of the problems confronting the Negro farmers, a well-rounded and most interesting program of talks on special subjects of interest will be presented.

Included on the program for this meeting are a series of talks on various topics, as follows:

H. B. Spaffensperger, of the zoological department of the Swift Packing company, Moultrie, will discuss swine sanitation and the commercial possibilities of swine production in this section of the state.

P. H. Stone, state agent for the Negro agricultural extension work, will speak on 1938 crop outlook reports, explaining their meaning and how they may be interpreted to serve advantageously in planning for farm production during the year.

Miss Emily Woodward will appear on the program in a lecture on health, and County Agent T. M. Fitzpatrick will speak on the 1938 federal farm program.

All colored farmers of the county are not only invited to attend this meeting, but the sponsors of it urge that all who possibly can do, make it a point to attend and hear the speakers.

Valdosta, Ga., Daily Times
January 28, 1938

Negro Farmers Hold Conference

The negro farmers in Lowndes county held their Sixth Annual Farmers Conference jointly with the Negro P. T. A. yesterday at the St. Paul A. M. E. church in this city.

The theme of the conference was: "A Better Farming Program." Stanley A. Bacon, trainee of Georgia State Industrial College emphasized the importance of having soil improvement crops as oats, vetch and Austrian winter peas, and grain as these crops add fertility to the soil and improve soil textures. He also conducted a demonstration in culling poultry showing the value of culling egg production.

Dr. G. T. Crozier, County health officer, gave points on the economic health status of the negroes in the city and county, stressing the value of having safe water supply by use of brick or concrete curbs and locating the well on high levels; also urging replacement of present privies with sanitary toilets, each of which spread many contagious diseases as typhoid, hookworm, etc.

A. V. Folsom, superintendent of county schools, in speaking of "The Proper Use of Time," stated that a successful person is one who conquers more and more in less and less time, while a failure is one who takes more time to do nothing. He showed how civilization uses time according to the following division of the day; 8 hours work, during which something worthwhile is accomplished; provision

should be made for eight hours of sleep in comfortable surroundings; properly use hours for recreation with the family group, civic and religious organizations, tennis, theatres, and the like.

R. E. Miller, County Agent, gave great encouragement to the farmers on the "Outlook for 1938," warning them that any marked increased cotton or

prices in direct proportion to the acreage would influence increases made. A recent survey of the county showed that he spent in a single year for food and feeds from other states and counties, that could have been grown in this county, equalled the money received for cotton, urging the farmers to grow more food as an assurance of prosperity.

A blue mold control demonstration was conducted by S. P. Penn, of the Coastal Plain Experiment Station, Tifton, showing that through the use of a spray of red copper oxide, lethane spreader oil, and water as a preventative not a cure will insure the farmer of a supply of early plants; the spray mold is reported in the state, twice per week until transplanting to field. M. V. Claxton, Assistant County Agent, was also present.

This program was sponsored by the State, Agricultural, and Jeanes Agents of the county. Alma Stegall, Jeanes Supervisor.

A. M. Stevens, Vocational Teacher.
P. L. Hughes, Vocational Teacher.

J. B. Stevens, Farm Agent
Wannah, Ga., Press
August 23, 1938

FUTURE FARMERS INSTALL OFFICERS

BOAT RIDE TO BEAUFORT
WILL BE FEATURE
TOMORROW

Officers of the Future Farmers of America to serve during 1939 were installed at the conference session at the Georgia State College this morning. The installation was conducted by W. N. Elam, federal agent of agricultural agent from Washington.

Tonight's program will consist of stunts presented by representatives from each state. Alva Tabor, state supervisor, vocational education for Georgia, will direct the stunts. Another feature of tonight's program will consist of a quartet singing contest. Six quartets will enter the final

Georgia

contest. Georgia will be represented by the quartet from Thomson, which has been trained by E. R. Gay, principal of the Thomson High School. Gay is a graduate of the Georgia State College. The activities of the day will be climaxed by a reception which will be given in the college gym tonight.

Tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock the entire delegation will leave for Beaufort. The group is expected to arrive there at 12:30 where it will be met by the South Carolina delegation. The Savannahians will be escorted to the Penn School, St. Helena Island, S. C. While at the South Carolina institution a short program will be held and dinner will be served by the South Carolina delegation. On the trip to Beaufort the Laurinburg N. F. A. band will furnish the music. Officially the program will terminate with the boatride to South Carolina.

The enrollment by states is as follows: Arkansas 14, Alabama 15, Delaware 14, New Jersey 12, Kentucky 7, Texas 17, Tennessee 21, Florida 17, Georgia 89, South Carolina 64, Virginia 7, Louisiana 15, Mississippi 5, North Carolina 70, Oklahoma 8 and West Virginia 7. The grand total is 382.

Visitors and guests will be presented to the audience tonight at 7:30 p. m. by F. Marcellus Staley, director of the agricultural department.

Visitors and guests from the various states have taken advantage of the opportunity of touring the college farm. All have expressed the fact that the program which is being launched by the agricultural department is worthy and commendable. They were especially commendatory relative the crops grown on the farm under the supervision of Robert A. Thomas, farm superintendent and agronomist of the college.

Last night the final speaking contest was held in the college auditorium. W. S. Davis, Tennessee N. F. A. adviser presided. The evening's program was interspersed with a quartet selection rendered by the Jenkins County Quartet, Millen. Spirituals were lead by Harvey Hall, vocational teacher, Lumpkin.

Four speakers participated in the final speaking contest. The speakers participating were: J. C. Crawford, Kelley Howard, Morgan Mann and Conaster Love. The winner was J. C. Crawford, Fort Valley, Georgia, who spoke on the subject, "Soil Conservation, the Farmers' Greatest Need." Crawford for two consecutive years has been successful in winning the first prize in the public speaking contest. In winning this contest he has established a conference record. He has just graduated from the high school and is planning to enter the agricultural department of Georgia State College next fall. The second ranking speaker was Kelley Howard of Teague, Tex., who spoke on the subject, "Living at Home in America." Morgan Mann of Oklahoma and Conaster Love of North Carolina tied for third place.

According to S. B. Simmons, national executive secretary of the New Farmers of America, the first five teams participating in the judging contest were placed as follows in the order named: Delaware, Oklahoma, Virginia, Tennessee and Mississippi.

Macon, Ga. News
December 2, 1938

Conference Called For Negro Farmers

Negro farmers of Bibb county will hold their annual conference Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Stewart Chapel, A.M.E., on Cotton avenue and Spring street.

Discussions will begin at 10:30 a.m. by Mamie Wesley, Negro home demonstration agent; S. H. Lee, Negro agricultural agent, and H. P. Stone, state Negro agent.

During the afternoon D. F. Bruce, Bibb county agent, will explain the purpose and provisions of the agricultural referendum on Dec. 10

Newton, Ga., News
December 1, 1938

Negroes To Hold Farmers Conference

The first annual Farmers Conference for negroes in Baker County will be held Saturday, December 17, at eleven o'clock at the court house.

Efforts are being made to secure the most outstanding farm experts in Georgia to appear on this program which will center chiefly around the theme, "The Farm Outlook for 1939."

In connection with this conference, a concentrated effort is being made to have all farmers in the county participate in the exhibition of farm products. Cash prizes amounting to \$12.00 will be awarded individually to the farmer, homemaker or 4-H Club girl or boy whose exhibit is judged best. A first, second and third prize will be given in most cases and duplicate prizes will be awarded if necessary.

Within the next week, names of speakers on the program will be released for the benefit of the public.

MAMIE A. BYNES.

Yazoo City, Miss. Herald
January 18, 1938

Negro Farmers To Hold Meetings

Agricultural Outlook Meet-
ings To Be Held During
Week Jan. 24

HOLTZCLAW ELECTED HEAD OF MISS. FARMERS 35TH TIME

Two hundred CCC boys were also
in attendance at the conference.

UTICA, Miss., Feb. 18—

William H. Holtzclaw Sr.,
president of Utica institute,
here, was reelected president

"All negro farmers are urged
to attend agricultural outlook
meetings that will be held in Ya-
zoo County during the week of
January 24," says a statement by
D. W. Lindsey, negro county agent,
which continues:

"Community organizations will
be discussed, along with other in-
formation that will be beneficial
to all farmers in helping them to
solve many of their problems as
well as plan a diversified farming
program during 1938."

Meetings will be held at the fol-
lowing places:

Deasonville, Pepper School,
Monday morning, January 24, at
11 o'clock.

Benton, Wesley Chapel church,
Monday afternoon, January 24, at
2 o'clock.

Anding, Old Concord church,
Tuesday morning, January 25, at
10:30 o'clock.

Bentonia, Mount Olive Baptist
church, Tuesday afternoon, Janu-
ary 25, at 2 o'clock.

Holly Bluff, Union Baptist
church, Wednesday morning, Jan-
uary 26, at 10:30 o'clock.

Carter, Bethel church, Wednes-
day afternoon, January 26, at 2
o'clock.

Satartia, Rose Hill church,
Thursday morning, January 27, at
11 o'clock.

Farmers are advised to attend
the meeting nearest them.

Other officers elected were Prof.
G. W. Williams, vice president; John
Lee, Indianola; E. C. Booze, Mound
Bayou; Mrs. Alice Oliver, Clarks-
dales; Mrs. T. Nichols, Biloxi; Prof.
Edward Parish, Hazlehurst, and D.
L. Lovelady, Georgetown, regional
vice presidents, and G. R. Brown Jr.,
treasurer.

Agricultural experts from all
parts of the country attended the
sessions and discussed various pha-
ses of farm life with the large num-
ber of delegates present.

Among the speakers were J. E.
Johnson, B. J. Cooper, E. E. Lee,
Rankins county agent; William H.
Holtzclaw Jr., vocational agricul-
tural agent of Copiah county; Mrs. Oliver,
Mrs. J. E. Johnson, of Prentiss; Mrs.
Winnie Anderson of Mound Bayou
T. M. Campbell of Washington, D. C.
and others.

The conference has been instru-
mental in encouraging Race farm-
ers to purchase farms. Already over
30,000 acres of farm land have been
purchased by members of the organ-
ization. The goal is the ownership
of 100,000 acres.

Among the visitors at the sessions
were the following: D. C. Simmons
and son, Dr. C. L. Green of Utica,
Miss Ruth Simison and Mrs. R. Day-
ton of Jackson; Lt. Tuttle S. Smith
of Fitzgerald, H. K. Hicky, Oxford;
Mrs. A. J. Meredith, Jackson; R. M.
Dixon, Meridian; K. Gray, Crystal
Springs, J. E. Simmons, Vicksburg,
Mrs. C. O. Bonette, Cedas, S. C.; Miss
Greer, representing the Clarion
Ledger;

S. L. Perkins, New Orleans; M.
C. Thomas, Pine Bluff, Ark.; A. J.
Finch, Brandon; G. C. Cypress,
Jackson; Bishop J. L. Conic, Jack-
son; Dr. Pension, Vicksburg; Mrs.
Lee and Perkins, Jackson; John Lee
and family, Indianola; D. L. Love-
lady, Dockery; Rev. Tillman, George-
town; Rev. W. A. Bender, Tougaloc
college; Dr. S. D. Redmond and wife
of Jackson and many others.

Official Call Issued to
All Workers and All
Friends

"Black Kings of the Soil"

Mr. Leon Harris, President National Federation Colored Farmers Contributes Article

THE NEGRO JOURNAL OF
RELIGION IN ITS ISSUE
OF SEPT. 1938 IS GIVEN
CREDIT FOR THE
ARTICLE

Moline, Ill.,—The National Convention of the National Federation of Colored Farmers, Inc., will meet in Forsyth, Georgia, at the State Teachers And Agricultural College, October 25-29. All Units of the Federation are requested to elect delegates at the earliest opportunity. All state and regional groups affiliated with our Federation are requested to appoint their representatives and send the names of those who will attend to our office. Visitors and officials of State and Federal Agricultural Departments who plan to attend the Convention should communicate with us not later than September 1st. Suitable arrangements will be made to entertain all delegates and visitors and all farmers of our group and all interested in the welfare and progress of colored farmers are cordially invited.

Arrange to attend the greatest Convention of organized Negro farmers in America.

Sincerely,

LEON R. HARRIS, President
Box 285, Moline, Illinois.

WE were out early, Jim McCollum, Negro farmer, and I, standing on a little rise of ground surveying the level fields of cotton and corn below us. Behind us a big, red sun was creeping up over the blades of a distant cane patch. Jim turned toward the rising sun and remarked:

"Ev'ry man a king, eh?" Then he looked me straight in the eye and chuckled: "Baw! Baw! Baw! That's th' only king down here. An' sometimes he's a pow'ful hum-dinger."

We had been talking about the trouble which was afflicting that section. It was a hot, dry Delta cotton was not yet waist-high; corn was a failure; gardens were almost perished; sugar cane was blighted. There had not been a good rain since May. But when we got back to the house and sat down to a breakfast of ham and eggs, yellow corn-cakes, potatoes fried with onions, coffee and pure cream, four kinds of jelly and preserves, biscuits, ribbon cane syrup, and a cool watermelon right out of the patch to top it off—almost every bit of this basket produced on Jim McCollum's farm—I said to myself: "Old Sol's not the king here. The real king is Jim McCollum!"

The American Negro farmer who owns and loves his farm is the happiest person of color in his native land. I will not venture the assertion that we are an agricultural

naturally minded race. Perhaps we are a larger number of colored than white farmers. In more than two hundred counties in our southern states, colored farmers outnumbered with a white ownership in the much heralded "urban opportunities." we simply feel like we are missing something, and probably we are.

More than one-third of the Negro population of the United States more than four and a half million reside on farms. There are 181,000 colored farm owners and more than seven hundred thousand tenants and managers of farms. There are as many colored farmers in the United States as there are inhabitants of the State of Oregon; or Maine; or South Dakota or Rhode Island. The colored farm population equals the population of these four states combined, with the population of the states of Arizona, Colorado and Delaware thrown in for good measure. There are more Negro farmers in the United States than there are people in Boston; almost as many as there are people in St. Louis and about a third as many as there are in Chicago. There are nearly a quarter-million more colored farmers in the nation than there are men employed in all our great steel and iron industries.

In 1930 there were three colored farmers in the state of Nevada. There were 182,578 in the state of Mississippi. There were some very state in the Union. Nearly one-half of North Carolina's farm owners are colored. The number of colored and white farmers in the states of Louisiana and Georgia are almost equal. There are approximately fifty thousand more colored than white farmers in the state of Mississippi and twenty thousand more colored than white farmers in the state of South Carolina. In Georgia there are forty-five counties which have

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There are pineapples and orange growers in Florida and California; truck, fruit, and poultry farmers in all the northern states; corn and wheat farmers and stock-raisers in the middle west; colored ranchmen in Montana, Wyoming and Texas; irrigation farmers in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado; maple syrup producers in Vermont, and farmers in Iowa and Minnesota. The oft expressed aphorism, "No matter what it is, a Negro will do it," certainly holds good in the vocation of farming.

The average amount of principal crops produced yearly in the United States by colored farmers is as follows:

Cotton—four million bales, or 34 per cent of average crop.
Corn—one hundred million bushels, or 3.5 per cent.
Rice—twenty million pounds, or one per cent.
Wheat—four million bushels, or five per cent.
Sweet Potatoes—twelve million bushels, or 21 per cent.
Tobacco—ninety million pounds, or ten per cent.
Watermelons—thirty-five per cent.
During the past thirty-five years colored farmers have purchased and paid for twice as much acreage as they did during the thirty years following emancipation. Today, they own more than eleven million acres of American soil. The value of this owned land and building thereon is more than three hundred and thirty-four million dollars. All land in farms operated by colored farmers totals thirty-seven and a half million acres. Prior to the depression years, it was conservative

Undoubtedly, persecution by planters and plantation bosses is forcing many Negro tenants to purchase farms, but ambition and a desire for independence is a larger factor. The average colored farmer who loves his job; who is diligent and progressive; realizes that he can produce as much and as well for himself as for the other fellow. If he is a good farmer he can generally get an opportunity to purchase land on reasonable terms in the community where he is known.

We can cite many cases of successful Negro farmers. For instance, the eighty year old retired blacksmith of near Jackson, Mississippi, who started raising tomatoes. He produces the largest and finest flavored tomatoes grown in the United States and has sold many for as much as fifty cents each. There are many more in the southern states unknown and unsung. A North Carolina gardener of my acquaintance specializes in raising green peppers—the "sweet" variety. He has developed a natural method of coloring his "fruit" by exposing it alternately to sun and shade. He has never been able to produce as much as he could easily sell. Another Carolina Negro farmer, who lives eight miles from the railroad and two miles from the "big" road, has been growing his own special variety of sweet potatoes for twenty years. They literally "melt in your mouth." He ships most of his crop by express or parcel post to wealthy customers in New York and Pennsylvania and, year in and year out, his price remains the same—one dollar per peck! Many have left the South and have done well. A colored farmer

ette in Vermont is a large mapleover a mighty rough road and
syrup producer. A colored florist: plenty of honor is due him from
n Montana supplies a third o.all of us. There may be some flies
hat state and ships to adjoining on his mule but there are no flies
states. One of the largest berry on His Excellency. The Black
raisers and shippers in Michigan Farmer Of America
s a black man. A Negro ranchman
n Montana ships his stock by car
loads and has invested much
money in Kansas and Oregon real
estate.

During recent years several
movements have been started to
establish Negro farm communities.
Some of these in the South have
been successful. They have not
fared so well in the North and
West. The average colored farmer
is still tied tightly to his church,
his birthplace and his relatives and
he does not like to get far away
from either unless he can take the
whole "tribe" with him.

Negro farmers are slowly be-
coming acquainted with the farm
cooperative movement and it is
hoped by their leaders that ere-
long a strong cooperative organi-
zation of Negro farmers may be
established. Until recently, white
cooperatives have sought the Ne-
gro farmer's allegiance or support.
Some are now offering him induc-
ements to unite with them. We feel
the offer comes too late. Negroes
in general, have discovered they
are better off under their own
vine and fig tree and the Negro
farmer, in particular, is inclined
to stay there. He appreciates the
generous and efficient service of
his County Agents and teachers
but he will be hard to lead into
cooperative organizations where
he knows his voice will not be
heard and where the most he can
hope for are crumbs from the mas-
ter's table.

These Jim McCollums have no
more to worry about today than
have any other American farmers.
They are getting at least a part
of their share of the much talked
about "relief." We may rest assur-
ed that their hard uncommon
sense and good old mother-wit will
not fail them.

The Negro farmer is a digger, a
driver, a pusher and a puller.
Somehow or other, he is "getting
here" all the time. He deserves
from his race and from his friends
more encouragement than sym-
pathy. He has come a long distance

Jefferson City Bids For The Next Farmers Convention

Chamber of Commerce From Mis-
souri State Capital Wants 1939
Session.

Jefferson City, Mo., (Special —
Announcement was made here this
week by Mr. Dwight Bell, secretary
of the Jefferson City Chamber of
Commerce, that the city had extended
an invitation to the National Fed-
eration of Colored Farmers Con-
vention now in session in Chicago, Ill.,
to hold their next session here at
Lincoln University. This invitation,
said the secretary, is supporting the
one that is being presented this week
by a trio of Missouri representatives
who are attending the Forsyth meet-
ing.

A special invitation however, was
sent to the secretary-treasurer of the
National Federation, and to the
president, which said: "S. B. Wil-
son, secretary-treasurer, National
Federation of Colored Farmers:—
We desire to supplement the invita-
tion which we understand will be
extended to your Federation by a
representative of Lincoln University,
for you to hold your next annual
meeting in Jefferson City under the
auspices of this institution. This
organization will welcome the op-
portunity to be of assistance to your
national office and local committee
in arranging for the success of the
meeting.

Yours very truly,
Dwight Bell, Secretary,
Jefferson City Chamber of Com-
merce."

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COLORED FARMERS

Forsyth, Georgia
October 27th, 1938

The National Federation of Negro Farmers met in Forsyth, Ga. today, the guest of Prof. W. M. Hubbard, president of the Georgia State Teacher's and Agricultural College. The meeting convened in the chapel of this wonderful institution, built around the genius of Prof. Hubbard who is one of the agricultural geniuses of his race. He has built this institution from a two room three month school house to a campus of ten acres, and more than a dozen brick buildings, accommodating more than five hundred students who are receiving practical education in industry, agriculture and domestic science. More than six hundred teachers from all over the South attend the summer school conducted here by Prof. Hubbard every summer.

The Governors of the several states appointed delegates to attend this meeting that they may be better informed how to be of service in their home state when they return. All the land grant and agricultural colleges are usually represented at this national meeting by appointments from Governors of their states. The delegations from the several states are being entertained free by Prof. Hubbard. The meeting was held at Forsyth last year as well as this year.

Prof. L. R. Harris of Moline, Ill., is president and Miss Sadie B. Wilson of Nashville, Tenn., is secretary-treasury. Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, president of the Citizen's Bank Nashville, Tenn., is a prominent director of the Federation. Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. R. C. Crouch, president of the Georgia Baptist Missionary and Educational and Dr. G. W. Jordan, president of the Georgia Baptist Sun-

day School Convention. Guest speakers who appeared on the program were: A. Price, Atlanta, Ga. His Honor, Governor E. D. Rivers of Georgia.

Former Congressman Patterson of the Agricultural Department Washington, D. C.

J. A. (Billboard) Jackson, representing a special Department Standard Oil Company, New York. Dr. J. B. Watson, President Agricultural and Mechanical State College, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Benjamin Jefferson Davis, President, National Negro Press Association, and Editor of The National Baptist Union-Review, Atlanta, Ga.

Henry Allen Boyd, president of Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Company, secretary, National Baptist Publishing Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. R. R. Morton, wife of former President Morton of Tuskegee Institute, who now resides in Virginia.

Rev. R. C. Crouch, president Mississippi Educational Convention of Georgia.

Hon. E. A. Miller, Asst. to Director of Southern Division.

Dr. Jos. H. B. Evans, Farm Security Administration.

Maj. H. C. McCormick, Director Interlocking and Supervisor of Farms, Taft, Okla.

Mr. O. T. Jackson, representing Colored Farmers, Master, Colo.

Mr. Walter Riley, Tchula, Miss. 1st Vice Pres. N. F. C. F.

Mr. Jas. P. Davis, Head Field Officer, Little Rock, Ark.

Hon. U. S. Brown, Director of State Extension Service of Georgia.

Dr. S. V. Sanford, Chancellor of the University of Georgia.

Mr. A. L. Holsey, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

National Farmers Pass Resolutions At Georgia Meet

FORSYTH, Ga.—1. We commend the efforts of our national officers and Board of Directors in endeavoring to carry out the original aims and purposes of our organization. They have efficiently and wisely carried on the business of the organization and deserve the encouragement and support of every member. We urge members to acquaint themselves with the functions of the organization so that we may double our efforts to support the organization financially by plans already outlined or by a new plan that may be worked out, thus removing the burden now resting upon the founders and ardent supporters of our federation.

2. We recommend that the Convention adopt a definite plan for systematically handling the exhibit that came to it from year to year by cooperating with our land grant colleges, high schools, vocational workers and extension workers in the several states.

3. The revision of our by-laws since our last annual convention has made the way more clear for those who desire to unite with us. We urge all members to strive to increase the membership of the organization. State and regional agricultural organizations, marketing and cooperative organizations, now have the privilege of merging, joining, or affiliating with our organization and we especially urge the membership of such groups to accept our standing invitation to unite with us and help us carry out our aims and purposes.

4. Cooperative purchasing, production and marketing has benefitted all. Units that have engaged in such efforts. We should enlarge our cooperative activities in every state and section where we are organized.

5. We desire the cooperation and friendship of all institutions serving the farming industry, the extension service, home demonstration service, Land Grant colleges and all other such institutions.

6. Our units should investigate

the possibilities of Federal Credit Unions. eliminate them from the program.

7. The goal of every organized farmer should be to own the land he tills and to till the land he owns. Tenants and sharecroppers are urged to make every effort and accept every opportunity offered to become farm owners.

8. We commend the efforts the Farm Security Administration and others are making to halt the growth of farm tenancy and assure these agencies they will receive our support.

9. We believe that a way can be found to provide tenants with free or very low cost medical service. Our officials are instructed to study this problem and submit recommendations.

10. We suggest that landlords take advantage of long-time government loans, now available, to provide better housing for tenants and sharecroppers.

11. We condemn the activities of radical organizations seeking to mislead tenants and sharecroppers of our group.

12. We commend the program ed and planned by the officials of the present Federal Administration. In most of its essentials we believe it is the best ever devised for the American farmer and especially for the farmer of the South. Colored farmers are urged to continue in their support of the program and the friends of the program.

13. The cotton and other crop-control plans should remain in effect until markets can be found for our large surplus. We recommend that members of our organization and all farmers of our group engaged in cotton production support by their ballots a continuation of crop-control programs.

14. The present method of distribution of Soil Conservation payment checks has caused dissatisfaction and misunderstanding and a better method should be found. We recommend that checks be mailed direct and paid direct to producers.

15. The Assignment Clause in SRB-201, 1938 Agricultural Conservation Program has been more injurious than beneficial to Negro farmers. We recommend that this clause be radically revised so as to guarantee more protection to the rights of the assignee or else

16. We express our gratitude to all authorities and agencies who have made it possible to increase the force of Negro Farm Extension Agents and Home Demonstration Agents in the Southern states.

17. We regret that in spite of the need and desire of colored farmers in the states of Missouri and Illinois of the services of farm and home extension workers of their group, none have been appointed in these states. We instruct our officials to use every power at their command to obtain the services of these agents in Missouri and Illinois.

18. We recommend that a retirement fund be established by the Federal government, and under the direct supervision of the Federal government for the benefit of Farm Extension Agents and Home Demonstration Agents.

19. We owe a debt of gratitude to the farmers of Georgia and to her upright and patriotic citizens who constantly, earnestly and patiently strive to give to their state loyal service, that Georgia may continue to progress and prosper. Respect and honor due their home state for her noble history and her contributions to the welfare of the nation, should be given. We urge her citizens of our racial group to stand for law and order, condemn crime, and merit respect for all rights and privileges their state promises to law-abiding citizens.

20. We urge our members to support the rural church and the rural school and keep ever bright and shining these beacon lights of rural education.

21. We endorse the idea that a school farm be established and maintained as a necessary adjunct to every rural school. We instruct our officials to investigate the possibilities of securing appropriations from the Federal government to purchase rural school farms.

22. We express our thanks and gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of this convention. To our host, the president, faculty and student body of State Teachers and Agriculture College, to exhibitors of farm and farm home products, to donors of prizes to the citizens of Georgia,

her noble Governor, to all our friends who have made us welcome, may we ever merit your interest and support.

L. B. Boler, Missouri, chairman; Henry Land, Georgia; H. M. Trapp, Florida; Walter Riley, Mississippi; A. G. Thompson, North Carolina; Maj. H. C. McCormick, Oklahoma.

Farmers of The Nation to Meet

National Convention to Be Held at Forsythe, Ga., in State College This Year

President Leon Harris and Secretary S. B. Wilson Set Dates as October 26th to 29th Inclusive

Forsythe, Ga. (Special)—Tillers of the soil, stock-raisers, fruit growers, poultry raisers, with other farmers in diversified crops will meet in this city at the Georgia State College on October 26-29 inclusive. The official call has already been issued by Mr. Leon Harris, the president of the organization, and countersigned by S. B. Wilson, secretary-treasurer. Prof. Hubbard, the president of the state school, who was host to this group one year ago, invited them back to this "Peach Tree" state for the purpose of demonstrating to them the interest that the farmers have in the organization that is calculated to lift them.

A large delegation is expected to be in attendance. Invitations were extended to the Governor of every one of the forty-eight states to send a representative so that greetings could come from the nation. Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture, together with Dr. H. A. Hunt, head of the Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C., Hon. E. A. Millican, Assistant Director of Southern Region, Agricultural Administration, Washington, D. C., Mr. J. A. Jackson, representative of the Standard Oil Company, New York City, and the Farm Administration throughout the southeast and southwest, are expected to attend. In addition to this, invitations have been sent to the heads of all the Land Grant Colleges operated for Negroes throughout the United States, to either be present or to send a representative.

President Harris assures the farmers of the nation that the entire four days will be devoted to a program of uplift, dealing only with matters that will help the farmers individually and collectively. Farm credits, farm loans and even plans for purchasing farms on easy payments, will be submitted to the convention.

The President of State College plans to house most of the farmers in the school building, while the citizens of Forsythe, representing both races, have already given assurance that a hospitable welcome will be extended to all.

The Governor of every state invited has sent Pres. Harris letters, messages and greetings in advance, assuring the organization of their good will, their moral sympathy and such support as can be given them not inconsistent with their state funds.

Plans for an extensive exhibit are already underway. Merchants, manufacturers and dealers in farm supplies will be urged to have on the grounds their wares to display in order that the farmers might get first-hand information on what to get, where to get it and the price to be paid.

The Housewives Organization will be invited to take part. The Exhibit consisting of home economics, such as canning, fruit-drying, quilting, preserving, cake-making, new methods of dairying, meat-curing and other farm helps as were pushed in the past several years, is still being encouraged. This organization, declared President Harris in a special communication, is the only expression in the form of a National Convention that the farmers will have this year.

Negro Farmers End Convention

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Farmers In Session At Forsyth

Chairman Congressman Patterson in Stirring Talk

By WILLIAM FOWLER, Jr. FORSYTH, Ga.—(SNS)—Asserting that the present government farm program is "the best ever devised for the benefit of the American farmer, and especially, the Negro farmer," President Leon R. Harris, of Moline, Ill., delivered his annual

CHURCHES NEEDED

address Friday afternoon to delegates of the 9th annual convention of the National Federation of Colored Farmers assembled at State Teachers and Agricultural College. The meeting will close today, having started Wednesday.

The federation president expressed the main concern of the body which represents 900,000 colored farmers throughout 21 states of the union when he called for continued efforts to market products cooperatively, advocacy of land ownership and suppression of tenancy growth.

TENANTRY PROBLEM

Concerning the tenantry problem President Harris said in part: "Right now I would like to see a farm tenant program adopted that would seek, not so much to abolish tenantry, as to find a practical way to mutually assist those most concerned in this problem, the landlords and tenants themselves. Long time government loans to landlords, now available, will assist greatly in providing better tenant housing. Tenants should also be provided with free, or very low-cost medical service, and education—education directed toward improved relationships between landlords and tenants is badly needed."

Further employment for tenants and sharecroppers outside the "only 140 or 150 days a year" they work should be found, the speaker said. Warning against radicals, Harris stated:

"I wish to warn our tenant farmers, sharecroppers and farm laborers against being led blindly into rabid, half-red, half-fool organizations now springing up in certain sections of the South, the leaders of which are advocating sit-down strikes, stay-at-home strikes and other operations as panaceas for the ills that afflict us. Beware of organizations and leadership that advocate strife and malice and hate. He urged farmers to stand for their rights however.

President Harris told the farm group that they had better opportunity to practice cooperation today than at any time before. "Your money belongs to you. Put it together—save it and make it talk," the speaker advised.

CONGRESSMAN SPEAKS

Henry Allen Boyd, secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board, served as master of ceremonies for the occasion which saw featured related experiences of a number of successful farmers and visitors present.

At the morning session, Congressman Lafayette Patterson of Atlanta, principal administrative officer

of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, who came as Secretary Wallace's personal representative, was the chief speaker. Congressman Patterson explained the workings of the new Agricultural Adjustment programs, which are designed to conserve and build soil, remove surpluses, stabilize the farmer's purchasing power, control farm agricultural programs and work for the attainment of a fair share of the national income and general betterment of farm conditions and living. The representative also advised co-operation as he said:

FARM INCOME

"There is no question but what the study, working together and cooperating to work toward a common goal by all farmers regardless of race, creed or color have helped to dissipate prejudice. Any move which acts to bring all farmers together to discuss common problems is bound to result in a better understanding. In connection with this great conservation program we have reached even higher objectives—the conservation of human resources."

"This farm income is basic to the welfare of the American people."

Other notables heard Thursday and Friday by the farm group included: Joseph H. B. Evans, administrative assistant, Farm Security Administration; James A. Jackson, Standard Oil Company; Dr. J. B. Watson, president of Arkansas State College; James P. Davis, head field officer, Southern Region of the AAA; E. A. Miller, assistant to the director of the Southern region of the AAA; Miss Camilla Weems, State Supervisor of Home Demonstration Agents; Alton L. Holsey, of the AAA and Tuskegee Institute; B. J. Davis, Editor National Baptist Union-Review, Atlanta, Ga.; and messages from Governor E. D. Rivers of Georgia and Dr. S. V. Sanford, Chancellor of the University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.; and many others. Messages were received from many parts of the nation.

The convention was invited to meet at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., in its next session. It will decide on a place of meeting and officers, and adopt far-reaching resolutions before closing today. Prizes on exhibits will also be awarded.

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October 30, 1938

Negro Farmers

End Convention

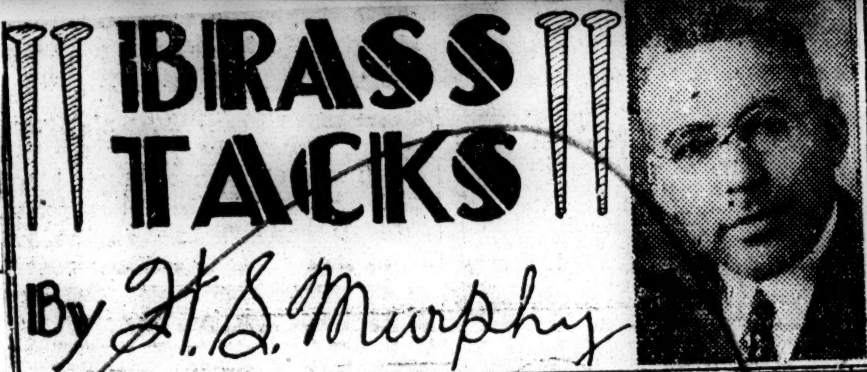
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The Resolutions Of The Forsyth, Georgia Farmers' Conference

To one interested in the social progress of the man farthest down, the resolutions of the National Farmers' Conference which met at Forsyth, Georgia recently forms an interesting study.

These resolutions are encouraging in that the farmers conferences are at least learning to use the technical expressions of social progress, but one cannot help wondering if a resolutions committee which writes such resolutions has any interest beyond the writing.

It is a fine thing, of course, when a resolutions committee can prove that it is at least alive to the existence of a need for cooperative purchasing, cooperative production and cooperative marketing. It is also at least a progressive idea to call on tenants and sharecroppers to investigate the Federal Credit Unions with a view to owning some land themselves. It is very forward looking to come into the South and resolute on free medical services "or at least low cost medical service to farm tenants".

All of these things are worth mentioning and the farmers' resolutions committee showed some wisdom in their plight, but we also need to demand some courage to mention what can effectively produce these ends in a democracy. Here

But we are wondering if there are, with our schools teaching farmers realize that "resolving" rugged individualism, with our more now than ever, is a dead letter. We are wondering if those farmers realize that not only change in the fundamentals which making conditions make their resolution for an effective bid in American life difficult of achievement but citizenship. We still have with us also the failure of certain forces "leaders" who admit the need of active in Negro life in America, to dynamic citizenship but deny interchange with the times and in fact in the means whereby it may be obtained.

Of those resolutions absolutely Again: beaten about by both the futile until these changes are effective and the circumstance on the collectively and conscientiously American scene, Negro people sore brought about.

With Negro leadership still effectively in the hands of others; not, for the simple reason that with the cards still stacked against Booker Washingtons are made only Negroes in politics, in what is once in several centuries. We need known as religion and education, such a leadership adapted to present what hope has mere resolutions? end needs.

A national organization has the best A national organization should possible chance for action rather be careful how it puts out a blanket than mere resolutions, and when it comes to condemnation of "radical" no action follows its meeting and groups. If by "radical" they mean we can look only on hollow resolutions those un-American groups seeking solutions, we are looking on a dead to overthrow our government, at letter. Once more some of the well and good. But we would have people's wealth has gone into rail-remember that the Rev. Doc road fare and other expenses only for Sherwood Eddy, American to vanish in thin resolutions. evangelist, long associated with Yes, we need cooperative purchasing other outstanding ministers, included

ing Dr. Mordecai Johnson, was considered a "red" and thrown into jail in Arkansas because he sought to make his religion vital by starting a Negro colony for cooperative farming among the long-suffering sharecroppers of Arkansas. To Dr. Eddy a vital religious leadership meant to suffer with those Negro farmers. Thus was he branded a "red". Empty resolutions will neither suffer nor produce a cooperative farm community.

If we are to lead people out of their Egypt into a land of promise, someone, in a time like this, must suffer with the victims of social injustice

Atlanta, Ga. Constitution
August 23, 1938

NEGRO STUDENTS OPEN FARM STUDY

500 Attend Conference at Savannah School.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Aug. 22.—(AP) Approximately 500 negro students and teachers from vocational and agricultural schools of 18 southern states met at Georgia State College, here, today for the fifth annual conference of the New Farmers of America.

B. F. Hubert, president of Georgia State College, said the group was engaged in study of livestock and poultry, and in various contests, including public speaking and singing.

The conference, which opened yesterday and continues through Thursday, will include a trip to Buford, Ga., tomorrow for agricultural studies at the Penn Normal and Industrial school.

White agricultural leaders who addressed the group today included Dr. W. N. Elam, of Washington, in charge of negro vocational and agricultural work; Dr. E. C. Auchter, chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry; Dr. W. H. Barre, chief of the division of cotton investigation; Dr. W. H. Starr, director of the State Experimental Station at Tifton, and State Entomologist Manning S. Yeomans, of Atlanta.

Delray Beach, Fla., News
August 26, 1938

Local Colored Boy Is Elected

Lester Albert of the Delray Colored School, was elected president of the National New Farmers of America Association at its annual convention which was held at Georgia State College, Savannah, Ga., August 21st and 24th. Because of his ability and training at the Delray Colored School Lester won this high honor in competition with representatives from eighteen states. As president of the National Association he will receive a free trip to Washington this Fall to confer with the Federal Vocational Supervisor, will attend the next National Association, which will convene at Bordentown, N. J., and visit the World's Fair at New York City.

Lester and Prof. Spady wish to thank the many white friends who helped to make the trip possible, and this high honor which has come to the colored people of Florida as well as Delray.

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New Farmers of America

New Farmers Of America Meet At Institute

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., July 5—More than 500 boys, representing 32 counties of the Alabama Association of New Farmers of America, at the close of a two-day session at Tuskegee Institute, elected Clinton Cunningham as their president for the year 1938-39 and voted Jeremiah Walker, Sumter County; R. L. Patterson, Henry County, the retiring president, and Cunningham, the new president, as representatives to the fourth national convention to convene in Savannah, Ga., in August.

W. N. Elam, successor to the late Dr. Sargent, as federal agent for agricultural education, awarded the annual prizes for the quartet and public speaking contests. He said: "Joe Louis could never have become a champion if he hadn't trained for his job. If you are ever going to get anywhere in agriculture it will be because you have trained for your job. Under the guidance of your teachers in vocational agriculture and your adviser, Prof. Floyd, you are making the right start."

Said Vice President W. T. B. Williams: "I am pinch hitting for President Patterson, who is in New York. I know he is sorry to miss you for no group, unless it is the farmers' conference, is nearer to his heart than you, the farmers of the future."

"If Booker T. Washington were here tonight, he would say to you as he said to your fathers and grandfathers, 'get possession of the land, own your own farm.' 'You have the responsibility of making these lands of Alabama yield the greatest possible returns for yourselves and for the white people of Alabama.'"

Said L. L. Sellers, assistant superintendent of agricultural education: "I congratulate the Alabama Association of N. F. A. for the fine training in leadership you have demonstrated in the very business-like way you have conducted your business and the election of officers. I especially commend your retiring president, R. L. Patterson."

Prof. J. R. Otis, director of agri-

culture, read a letter of greeting from Dr. George W. Carver who, because of the doctor's orders for continued rest, was unable to greet the boys in person.

Prof. Arthur Floyd, teacher-trainer in vocational agriculture, said this was the largest delegation in the history of the N. F. A. Prof. E. A. Grant commended the boys on their excellent showing in the judging contest. Capt. Alvin J. Neely, dean of men, for many years director of the famous Tuskegee Quartet, served as judge in the quartet contest.

The program for the convention July 1 and 2, in addition to the contests mentioned and the reorganization and election of officers, included a visit to the Veterans Administration Facility and a softball contest.

The officers elected to serve for the year 1938-39 are Clinton Cunningham, Conecuh County, president; Joe McMorris, Choctaw County, vice president; Emmett Daniel, Sumter County, secretary; Dave Bradford, Elmore County, treasurer, and Archie Stewart, A. and M. Institute, Madison County, reporter.

Those promoted from improved farmers to modern farmers included William Mitchell, Coosa County; Esquire Crawford, Marshall County; John Mitchell, Coosa County; Albert Jackson, Elmore County; Lewis Askew, Emmett H. Jenkins, Snow Hill Institute; A. C. McCrary, Archie Stewart, A. and M. Institute; Dowell Moore, Tuskegee Institute; Clayton Richards, T. R. Dunning, Woodrow Agee, James Catlin, Arthur Dixon, Caprus Hope, Ophus Conet, Marengo County.

To be recommended to the class of superior farmers at the national meeting are Isiah Landrum, Gilbert Jordan and Dan Dunning, Marengo County.

Nashville, N. C. Graphic August 25, 1938

Colored Group Wins Honors

Local School Chapter of New Farmers of America Declared Best in State

The Nash County Training School Chapter of the New Farmers of America has again taken high honors in the state contests held last week at Greensboro.

The chapter was declared to be the best in the state, an honor which has been won by this group four times in the last 10 years. The same honor was won last year.

The New Farmers of America is an organization of students taking vocational agriculture in the colored high schools of the state, each agriculture department having a chapter. The Nash County Training School chapter has for its president Lonnie Braswell, who, along with Professor R. E. Fitzgerald, teacher of agriculture in the Nash County Training School and local advisor, will attend the district meeting to be held in Savannah, Ga.

Among individual contest winners, Lee Allen Yates, of the Bricks Tri-County High School, won first place in the New Farmers of America farm practice program. The Bricks Tri-County High School is operated jointly by Edgecombe, Nash and Halifax counties. Garland Boddie of the Nash County Training School was also a district winner.

Plant City, Fla., Courier December 9, 1938

New Farmers of America Stage Annual Banquet

Approximately 75 members and guests of the New Farmers of America, Negro agricultural club, held their annual banquet Wednesday night at the negro high school here. Attending as guests of the club were the City Commissioners of this city and several prominent school officials.

The New Farmers of America, corresponding to the Future Farmers of America, white organiza-

tion, had as their master of ceremonies, Professor C. B. Bryant of Tampa. He introduced the white guests, each of whom made a short address. Among the guests present were: Commissioners Mays, Hinson, Gainey, Nulter, Walden, and E. L. Robinson, superintendent of public instruction of this county; J. G. Smith, superintendent of the county agricultural school here; V. D. Beckner, principal of the Plant City high school; R. L. Mehaffey and J. Frank Chambers, members of the district school board, Frank Miles, county supervisor of colored schools, and others.

New Farmers Of America End Session At Ga. State

**Fourth Annual National Convention
Considered One of NFA's Best; Close
To 500 Persons Attend Big Session**

INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE, Ga.—The New Farmers of America, national organization for Negro students studying vocational agriculture held their fourth national convention at the Georgia State College, August 21 through August 24.

According to Dr. Benjamin F. Hubert, president of the college, and S. B. Simmons, national executive secretary of the New Farmers of America, approximately 500 persons including NFA members, state supervisors of vocational agriculture, itinerant teacher-trainers, resident teacher-trainers, federal and state representatives gathered from eight different states attended.

Sunday, August 21 at 7:30 p. m. the Georgia delegates sponsored the Georgia Day program. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Hubert.

HOLD MEMORIAL

Memorial exercises were held August 22, for the late Church C. Banks, who until his death last May, served as the national adviser of the New Farmers of America. Participating in the memorial exercises were Vernon Clark, third vice president; Dr. J. N. Norris, teacher-trainer, Prairie View State College, and Jethro Hill, national secretary.

Two of the principal features of Monday's activities consisted of the preliminary public speaking contest and the agricultural judging contest. The judging contest was held at the Householder Dairy on Ogeechee Road which is operated by W. M. Householder.

The report of the committee on the judging contest was presented by Donald F. Fenn, director of the school of agriculture, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia. The first five teams participating in the judging contest were placed as follows: One, Delaware; two, Okla-

homa; three, Virginia; four, Tennessee; and five, Mississippi.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

Individual winners in the six classes were as follows: Corn, J. B. Brunner, Oklahoma; potatoes, H. L. Wright, Florida; cows, Alonzo Richardson, Texas; Euclid Richardson, Texas; mules, James Covington, North Carolina; hogs, McCoy Goodman, Virginia; John Brown, West Virginia; and poultry, J. B. Brunner, Oklahoma.

The members of the winning team from Delaware were L. Gaines, Holley Coleman and Melvin Watson.

Medals and awards were presented to the winning teams and the individual winners in the six classes of animals and agricultural products judged by the seventeen consulting judging teams.

J. H. Griffith, Brooklet; A. E. NeSmith, Stilson and B. M. France, assistant county agent, Chatham County, served as judges for the judging contest.

GEORGIAN WINS
The winner of the public speaking contest was J. C. Crawford of Fort Valley who spoke on the subject "The Farm-ers' Greatest Need." The second ranking speaker was Kelley Howard of Teague, Texas, who spoke on the subject "Living at Home in America."

Honorable mention was given to Morgan Man of Oklahoma and Conaster Love of North Carolina. Crawford, in winning the first place, established the record of winning it two consecutive years.

The judges of the speaking contest were: Martin Haines, principal West Broad and Maple Street Schools, S. A. Jones, W. H. Hopkins, J. G. Lemon, W. R. Chivers, W. H. Shell, Joseph Stith, John Law and Editor Johns.

Six quartettes representing the states of Virginia, Tennessee, Florida, Oklahoma, South Caro-

lina and Georgia entered the finals of the quartette singing contest.

The winner of the quartette singing contest was the quartette from Virginia which presented the spirituals, "Didn't My Lord Deliver Antioch?" "I Can Tell the World." Second place was awarded to the quartette from South Carolina, and third place was awarded to the quartette from Tennessee.

The person awarded the prize for stunts was Arthur Turner of Tennessee.

FLORIDIAN PRESIDENT

The officers elected for the ensuing year were installed by W. N. Elam, federal agent, office of education, Washington, D. C.

The following officers were installed: president, Lester Albert, Florida; first vice president, Jethro Hill, Arkansas; second vice president, P. D. Vann, Virginia; third vice president, Wilson Bonner, Georgia; student secretary, James Warren, North Carolina; treasurer, John Maner, South Carolina; adviser, J. R. Thomas, Virginia; reporter, Ferdinand Holmes, Tennessee.

J. Lester Poucher, national president, Future Farmers of America, Gainesville, Florida, Dr. J. A. Linke, chief, agricultural education, Washington, D. C.; Alva Tabor, Supervisor, vocational education, Fort Valley, Georgia; L. A. Marshall, Florida NFA adviser and W. S. Davis, Tennessee NFA adviser, participated on the program during the exercises.

Tuesday evening a reception was given by the college in the gymnasium. The entire delegation left Savannah Wednesday morning for Beaufort, South Carolina. They were escorted by the South Carolina delegation to the Penn School, St. Helena Island, South Carolina. On the trip to Beaufort the Laurinburg NFA band furnished the music.

Officially, the program terminated with the boatripe to South Carolina. Delegates voted to hold the meeting in 1940 at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The meeting for 1939 will be held at Bordentown, N. J.

New Farmers to Go To Bordentown In '39

W. H. Shell, Joseph Stith, John Law and Editor Johns.

(Special to Journal and Guide)

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Bordentown, N. J., and Pine Bluff, Ark., will get the next two annual conventions of the New Farmers of America and young farm students all over the country are pointing toward these meetings.

The 1939 convention will be held at Bordentown where the Bordentown Industrial Institute is located. The year following will find the New Farmers in Pine Bluff.

The 1938 meeting was held at the Georgia State Teachers College here recently. The following officers, elected during the sessions, were installed by W. N. Elam, federal agent of the office of education, Washington, D. C.: Lester Albert, Florida, president; Jethro Hill, Arkansas, first vice president; P. D. Vann, Virginia, second vice president; Wilson Bonner, Georgia, third vice president; James Warren, North Carolina, secretary; Johnson Maner, South Carolina, treasurer; J. R. Thomas, Virginia, advisor; and Ferdinand Holmes, Tennessee, reporter.

Five-hundred persons, including NFA members, state supervisors of vocational agriculture, teacher-trainers, federal and state representatives from 18 states attended the meeting. They were welcomed to the local college by Dr. Benjamin F. Hubert, president. S. B. Simmons of Greensboro, N. C., national executive secretary of the organization, directed the five-day session of this fourth annual convention.

The winner of the public speaking contest was J. C. Crawford of Fort Valley, who spoke on the subject, "Soil Conservation, the Farmers' Greatest Need." The second ranking speaker was Kelley Howard of Teague, Texas. Honorable mention was given to Morgan Mann of Oklahoma and Conaster Love of North Carolina. Crawford, in winning the first place established the record of winning it two consecutive years.

The judges of the speaking contest were: Martin Haines, principal West Broad and Maple Street schools; S. A. Jones, W. H. Hopkins, J. G. Lemon, W. R. Chivers,

Six quartets representing the states of Virginia, Tennessee, Florida, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Georgia entered the finals of the quartet singing contest. The winner was the quartet from Virginia. Second place was awarded to the quartet from South Carolina. Third place was awarded to the quartet from Tennessee.

The person awarded the prize for stunts was Arthur Turner of Colilville, Tenn.

Conferences, Farmers - 1938

North Carolina

Elizabeth City, N. C., Advance
January 10, 1938

Negro Farmers Hold Meetings

**Tuesday Night at Mill Pond
and Wednesday Night
at Kehukee**

On Tuesday night, at 7:30 o'clock, January 11, W. H. Pritchard will explain the 1938 soil conservation program to Negro farmers at Mill Pond school house, and on Wednesday night, at the same hour, he will be at Union Chapel school house, to explain this program to Negro farmers.

On Wednesday night, at 7:30 o'clock, Mr. Jackson will be at Kehukee Negro school house in Salem township to explain this program to Negro farmers.

"All Negro farmers are urged to attend these important meetings in order that they may learn how to plan their farming operations this year, so that they may earn the largest possible benefits from the government and at the same time improve their farms," says E. F. Colson, Negro county agent.

Henderson, N. C. Dispatch
January 22, 1938

NEGRO FARMERS IN MEETING FRIDAY

**Officers Elected for 1938;
Launch Program for
Year to Aid Crops**

Agriculture Advisory Board for Negro extension work in Vance county held a meeting Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the Cotton building on Montgomery street it was announced today by H. L. Taylor, secretary of the board.

This is the annual session of the group, which is composed of three representatives from each community club, and 33 members were present.

An eight point program, including growing of home supplies, soil building practices and cash crops, was discussed by the group.

Officers were elected for 1938 with

John Henderson succeeding his brother, James Henderson as president; H. L. Taylor was re-elected secretary and Willis Perry was named chairman of the program. The planning committee is composed of J. T. Rowland, Robert Hawkins, A. D. Bullock and H. E. Webb. This special committee will meet again next Wednesday morning to work out special recommendations to submit to the board. There will be a special session of the board in the Cotton building on Jan. 29.

Special district meetings composed of Durham, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren counties will be held to study blue mold control methods and the control of insects that attack tobacco. This is scheduled for Jan. 28 at the Granville court house in Oxford at 10 a. m.

Community club meetings were announced next week as follows: Jan. 25, Brookston school house 3 p. m.; Middleburg, at 7 p. m.; Jan. 26, Woodworth school at 3 p. m. and Townsville at 7 p. m.; Jan. 27, Nutbush school No. 2 at 3 p. m. and Nutbush school No. 1 at 7 p. m. These announcements were made by H. E. Webb, Negro farm agent.

Fayetteville, N. C., Observer
January 27, 1938

GROUP MEETING - NEGRO FARMERS

Negro farmers of the Cape Fear district will conduct their first group meeting at the Fayetteville Teachers college Friday, according to announcement made by S. B. Simmons, supervisor of vocational agriculture in negro schools in the state. There will be approximately 100 outstanding farmers attending this session from 16 counties. This program is being sponsored by the teachers of vocational agriculture in this area. The purpose for which is to perfect a better organization of the home farm program and to correlate the activities of the various communities with the state agricultural program.

Addresses will be given by Dr. J. W. Seabrook, president of the Teachers college; Dean J. C. McLaughlin of the school of agriculture, A. and T. college, Greensboro. The better farm and home program will be explained by Supervisor Simmons, and an illustrated lecture is to be presented by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. This is the second of a series of meetings of the above nature which are being conducted this month by the teachers of vocational agriculture in negro schools.

Oxford, N. C. Ledger
January 25, 1938

Program Made For Meeting of Negro Farmers on Friday

J. R. Redding, negro Farm Agent, announced yesterday that the tobacco growers' meeting of negro farmers in Granville, Person, Durham, Vance and Warren counties to be held at the court house Friday would begin at 10 o'clock.

The speakers include James F. Bullock of the Oxford Experiment station, who will discuss varieties, T. E. Smith of the station, who will discuss Disease Control Measure, E. G. Moss, superintendent of the station, with a discussion of fertilizer and application in the forenoon, with a discussion after each speech.

In the afternoon, N. W. Mitchell, Negro District Agent, Greensboro, will use the subject, "The Weakness of the Negro in the Agriculture Program."

Greensboro, N. C., News
January 29, 1938

QUILL MOORE HEADS NEGRO FARM GROUP

Cape Fear Organization of Negro Farmers and Agricultural Teachers In Session.

Quill Moore, progressive farmer of Bladen county, was elected president of the Cape Fear organization of negro farmers and agricultural teachers at the initial meeting of the group at Fayetteville State Teachers college Friday. Other officers elected were M. C. McIver, of Lee county, vice president; R. B. Dean, teacher of vocational agriculture at Maxton, secretary, and Guye Inman, of Columbus county, treasurer.

The group was extended a welcome to the college by President J. W. Seabrook, who emphasized the need for organization from an individual point of view as well as for improved methods of farming.

Further advantages of organization were pointed out by Dean J. C. McLaughlin, of A. and T. college who addressed the gathering. "If we are to survive as farmers," he said, "we must organize and assume our responsibility in bringing to pass governmental advantages for our group similar to those given other groups."

Another part of the program was

an illustrated lecture by C. R. Lamb of Greensboro, who is with the United States soil conservation service, who explained how farms were being improved by terracing, with cover crops and check dams. He discussed also reforestation and development of areas for preservation of wild life.

Lumberton, N. C. Robesonian
February 9, 1938

Farm Problems Discussed At Co. Meet Of Negroes

Program for Year Outlined at Splendid Meeting Held Here.

Reported for The Robesonian.

Farm problems confronting the colored race and the program for the coming year were discussed at a splendidly-attended meeting with a colored farmers and farm women farm. Mr. Bullock said that 10 of Robeson county in their annual county-wide meeting held at Redstone academy in Lumberton Friday. More than 350 persons attended.

The annual county-wide farmers meeting for negroes was held Friday at 1 p. m. Over 350 farmers and farm women attended.

The meeting opened by singing Battle Hymn of the Republic, followed by the Lord's prayer in unison. S. T. Brooks, negro county agent, was master of ceremony.

Raising Standards

Lillian M. Debnam, home demonstration agent, introduced the first speaker, Miss Mary W. Huffines, who spoke on "Raising the Standard of Living of Farm People." The first standard discussed by Miss Huffines was "food" urging well-balanced meals, year-round gardens large enough for the family consumption, and, when possible, enough for marketing to take care of other small bills. She urged the cooperation of the men in helping the women secure cows to obtain milk and butter with which to cook in order to have properly prepared meals, as well

as having a good garden. The second standard was the "home" upon which great emphasis was put as to cleanliness, both inside and out. The third standard was "How to spend," wherein stress was put on the importance of using good judgment in buying only the necessities when only a small amount of money is available. The fourth standard was "clothing," what to wear, how and when to wear and color combinations. The fifth standard was "morals" and the sixth "cleanliness," stressing the importance of keeping the body, clothing and mind clean. The talk by Miss Huffines was very inspiring and all were benefited by it.

Farm Loans

W. E. Bullock, county rural rehabilitation supervisor, explained in detail the Farm Security administration. He stated that the more livestock and farm equipment owned by farm-colored race and the program for the coming year were discussed at a splendidly-attended meeting with a colored farmers and farm women farm. Mr. Bullock said that 10 of Robeson county in their annual county-wide meeting held at Redstone academy in Lumberton Friday. More than 350 persons attended.

Care of Hogs

H. W. Taylor, swine specialist at State college gave important information on the feeding, housing and diseases of hogs, stressing the importance of keeping a clean place for hogs, which will eliminate worms, also plenty of clean water and feeding with self-feeders.

New Farm Program

A. D. Robertson, county agent, who talked on the new soil conservation program, explained that only a tentative program had been arranged so far, and if this program was not decided upon definitely, a voluntary program

similar to that of 1936 and 1937 cost of marketing farm produce and would be followed and meetings increasing the income from this source. He also urged land ownership by the farmers. Mr. Robertson compared the amount of income of a tenant in a certain township to that of a landlord and found that it was more than twice that of the tenant.

Music was furnished by Hilly Branch 4-H club, Elsie Woodard, director, and Panthersford 4-H club, L. B. McManus's wife, director. Greensboro, N. C. News February 5, 1938

ASSOCIATION FORMED FOR NEGRO FARMERS

Over 100 From Piedmont Attend Organization Meeting At A. and T.

JEFFRIES IS PRESIDENT

The organization of the Piedmont Farmers' association was perfected at a meeting of over 100 negro farmers and vocational agricultural teachers Friday at A. and T. college. Gus Jeffries, of Alamance county, was elected president of the new association; Reuben White, of Wilkes county, vice president; E. C. Jones, of Caswell county, secretary, and P. W. Wallington, also of Caswell county, treasurer.

The group was extended a welcome by Dr. F. D. Bluford, president of the college, following the opening devotions by Rev. W. F. Witherspoon, pastor of A. M. E. Zion church, of Greensboro. J. C. McLaughlin, dean of the A. and T. school of agriculture, presided.

Several speakers were heard, including C. R. Lamb, of the United States soil conservation service, who gave an illustrated lecture of the work being done by this service. In this respect, more than 90 of the farmers present reported they had already adopted methods of saving their soils.

Prof. F. A. Williams, formerly teacher of vocational agriculture in Vance county, now professor of agricultural economics at A. and T. college, spoke on the need for organization among negro farmers. He cited a number of advantages to be gained in this way, including a greater increase in the value of land and a betterment of the community as a whole, raising the standards of living, lowering the rural death rate among negro farmers, lowering the

NEGRO FARMERS' INSTITUTE WARRENTON, JULY 14-15

By J. C. HUBBARD, Negro County Agent.

The annual North Carolina Negro Farmers' Institute will be held at Warrenton, July 14 and 15.

We are urging as many farmer and farm women to attend as possible, however, only a limited number will be able to go for the expense of two dollars round-trip as stated by the home agent sometime ago.

I am also asking that all who wish to go will please send their name, address and one dollar to me as early as possible in order that I will know how many to make reservations for. Board and lodging will be free of charge. A registration fee of twenty-five cents will be required.

Gatesville, N. C. Index July 13, 1938

FARMERS TO ATTEND INSTITUTE AT WARRENTON

The annual North Carolina Negro Farmers' Institute will be held at Warrenton on Thursday and Friday, July 14-15. At this time farmers of all parts of the State will meet and hear important matters concerning farming discussed, and in many cases, the farmers will take part in the discussions themselves.

Plans are being made to take a large delegation of Gates county farmers to the institute. All who should like to take the trip are asked to notify the Negro County agent by Monday, July 11. The delegation will leave the agent's office, at Reids Grove, School, Gatesville, at 6:30 Thursday morning, July 14. Those who can spend the night and stay over through Friday, July 15, are urged to do so. The farmers of Warrenton county will entertain in their homes all visiting farmers who stay over night, free of charge.

A splendid program which will take in all phases of modern farming and home making has been

arranged. This will be interesting to the women as well as men. For this reason, we are asking the women in the county, as well as men, to take advantage of this training provided by the Extension service. Durham, N. C. Morning Herald July 18, 1938

SESSIONS ENJOYED BY NEGRO FARMERS

Talks On Home Ownership Inspiring To Those At Warrenton Meeting

The Negro state farmers conference was held in Warrenton, July 14-15. Beyond all reasonable doubt it was very inspiring and we received good information. Ten farmers of Durham county accompanied the farm agent to this conference. All the sessions were very good, but the Friday morning session seems to have created more interest than some of the others. Discussion pertaining to home ownership then was before the group. There wasn't a minute lost without several farmers trying to get the floor telling the advantages of being home owners.

But when Congressman John H. Kerr of the second district got the floor and gave his interpretation of home ownership and the advantages that come from it, it seemed that the few tenants who were there resolved to renew their courage to become land owners.

Many other interesting speakers including State Commissioner of Agriculture W. K. Scott. Certificates were awarded to farmers who participated in the corn growing contest last year. All farmers who grew 75 or more bushels of corn per acre were awarded certificates. Two farmers of Durham county received certificates. They are John Holloway of Oak Grove and John Jones of Bahama.

Tarboro, N. C. Southerner July 14, 1938

Negro Farm Institute In Warrenton July 14-15

The Second Annual North Carolina Negro Farmers Institute will be held in Warrenton Thursday and Friday, July 14-15. Farmers of this county are urged to and expected to attend in large numbers. The institute was held in Wilson last year. Edgecombe had more farmers in attendance than any other county, except Wilson.

Prominent speakers who will appear on the program, other than extension specialists from State College at Raleigh are as follows: Professor J. C. McLaughlin, dean of agriculture, A. and T. College, Greensboro; Dr. T. W. Thurston, New Bern; Mrs. Hazel E. Wheeler, Halifax county home demonstration agent; Honorable W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, and Honorable John H. Kerr, U. S. congressman, Second North Carolina District.

Greensboro, N. C. News July 30, 1938

NEW FARMERS MEET IN SAVANNAH AUG. 21

Executive Secretary Simmons Announces Program For Four-Day Session.

The New Farmers of America, national organization for negro students studying vocational agriculture, will hold its fourth national convention at the Georgia State Industrial college, Savannah, August 21 to 24, according to S. B. Simmons, of Greensboro, national executive secretary, who said yesterday that more than 500 N. F. A. members will attend this annual session. The members will come from as far west as Texas and Oklahoma and as far north as New Jersey.

Earman Porter, national president from Lucy, Tenn., will preside over the meeting. Professor George W. Owens, of Virginia State college, Petersburg, founder of the New Farmers of America, will serve as chief adviser. Federal supervision will be given by W. N. Elam of the United States department of the interior, Washington, D. C.

The national board of trustee will meet Sunday afternoon at 3:30

o'clock on the college campus. Later in the day the North Carolina N. F. A. band will give a concert. This will be followed by a public program in the college auditorium at 7:30. T. W. Bonner, president of Georgia State N. F. A. association, will preside. President B. F. Hubert, of the Georgia State college, will welcome the delegates. J. Lester Poucher, national president of the Future Farmers of America, will extend greetings from his organization.

The Monday session will begin with a memorial service in memory of Church C. Banks who was national N. F. A. adviser up to the time of his death last May. During the morning business session the national officers will make their reports. At 7:30 the national public speaking contest will be given in the college chapel.

There will be two business sessions on Tuesday, at which time committees will report, the chief one will be that of the national board of trustees. Winners in the various contests will be given their awards and the officers for 1939 will be selected.

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South Carolina.

Greenwood, S. C. Index-Journal
September 3, 1938

47 Farmer-Ginner Meetings Are Held During The Late Summer

Columbia, S. C. State
August 25, 1938

Forty-seven farmer-ginner meetings in 33 counties have been held during the late summer to explain the importance of greater care in methods of picking, handling, and ginning cotton in order to secure better lint quality and realize the greatest possible returns, says C. V. Phagan, extension agricultural engineer. These meetings were attended by 364 ginners, 2675 white farmers, and 482 negro farmers, a total of 3521. B. E. G. Prichard, assistant extension agronomist, aided in conducting the meetings.

Farm Teachers in Three-Day Session

Clemson, Aug. 24.—(AP)—A conference of South Carolina agriculture teachers will open at Clemson college tomorrow and continue through Saturday.

A similar conference for Negro agriculture teachers will be held in Orangeburg August 29-September 3. Verd Peterson, state supervisor of vocational agriculture, announced today

One of the most interesting phases of each meeting was the demonstration of a small model gin used to show the difference in the samples quality resulting from ginning damp when ginned wet.

A great deal of interest was displayed by ginners and farmers, says Mr. Phagan, who feels that much progress has been made toward better conditions in ginning cotton.

A resolution passed by the South Carolina Cotton Ginners association at its convention in late July called particular attention to the fact that ginning damp cotton causes millions of dollars loss each year to cotton producers because of the poorer quality of cotton when ginned dry and cotton and from high rates of speed in ginning. The association recommended that all cotton ginners in the state recognize these facts and take steps to operate their plants for the best possible results. Each ginner was requested to notify his customers that no damp cotton would be ginned at his plant. This action of the ginners, Mr. Phagan thinks, should help considerably toward better ginning results.

Columbia, Tenn., Daily Herald
May 19, 1938

500 HERE FOR NEGRO SESSION, FARM INSTITUTE

ALL-TIME RECORD FOR
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EIGHTH ANNUAL MEET-
ING AT STATION.

LIVE-AT-HOME PROGRAM,
PRACTICAL MATTERS TOL-

Tour Of Experiment Station
Highlight Of Morning Ses-
sion, Women Report On
Improved Homes.

Setting an all-time record, more than 500 negro men and women of Middle Tennessee today staged their eighth annual Farmers' Institute at the Middle Tennessee Tennessee Experiment Station, and besides learning of the agricultural work there, took part in a practical program arranged by A. B. Wright, state extension agent for negro work.

With their president, Max Smith, presiding, the men in separate session first took a tour of the farm, with Supt. L. R. Neel explaining the various crop projects. Dr. Neel then spoke on fertility needs, featuring lime, phosphate and cover crops.

A practical demonstration in the making of a home-made clod crusher was given and talks on various phases of agriculture of particular interest to colored farmers were made by J. B. Smith, of Giles county, M. L. Hopkins, of Davidson, J. R. Keese, of Montgomery, and J. L. Maxwell, of Williamson.

The women, with Bertha Fortie, president, presiding, heard reports on the Better Homes campaign from a number of counties and an outline of the live-at-home program by Miss Helen Cullens, state

home demonstration agent. Dr. Neel gave a talk on the raising of vegetables for home use, and the use of labor saving devices was the topic of Bessie L. Walton, assistant state agent in negro work.

In the joint session concluding the program this afternoon the extension program was explained in detail and a water supply and electrical demonstration was given by M. M. Johns, of the University of Tennessee Extension Service.

Other topics discussed included year-round gardens and control of insects, with Minne Green, of Davidson county, Lela Clock, of Montgomery, Eunice Norfleet, of Giles, Odis Rudolph, of Montgomery, A. L. Evans, of Davidson, H. E. Starnes, of Williamson, and M. L. Green, of Williamson, taking part.

How all can aid in the prevention of highway accidents was the topic of J. L. Craig, of the State Highway Department, which concluded the session.

Athens, Tenn., Post Athenian
July 13, 1938

SECOND ANNUAL NEGRO FARMERS' MEETING SLATED

KNOXVILLE, July 13 — The Second Annual Negro Farmers' and Homemakers' Institute of East Tennessee will be held at the University of Tennessee Experiment Station, Knoxville, Thursday, July 21st as announced by M. E. Woods, assistant Home Agent in Negro Work of the Chattanooga District. The meeting will open at Temple Hall at 9:00.

All farmers and home makers are urged to attend this meeting and get information on Better Farming and Home Practices. Tours will be conducted in the morning, many of the extension officials and workers will appear on program including C. A. Moores, director of University of Tennessee Experiment Station, H. S. Nichols, assistant director in county agent work, Miss Maude Guthrie, food and nutrition specialist, A. J. Chadwell, poultry specialist, Miss Bessie Walton and W. H. Williamson, assistant state agent in Negro work.

Kingsport, Tenn., Daily News
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Knoxville, Tenn., News Sentinel
July 13, 1938
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Jackson, Tenn., Sun
July 29, 1938

Agriculture Destiny of Southern Negro

The annual session of the West Tennessee Negro Farmers Institute is being held today at the Experiment Station and is attracting a large number of the colored folk who make their living on the farms of this grand division.

In fact, the attendance at the session today is the greatest ever had, indicating a continued growth of interest among the colored farmers in the Institute and its program.

Messages of white leaders who are fully capable of imparting information of value are being received today and will be duly appropriated by those hearing them.

The destiny of the southern negro lies in agriculture, and it is gratifying to note that there is a gradual return to the farm upon their part. It is even more gratifying to know that the present generation of colored youth is sticking to the farm.

Labor-saving machinery in industry is cutting down demand for common labor, and as a result there is little or no future for this class of colored labor in industry. The demand is quite well supplied and there are few openings.

There is not the demand for common labor in railroad circles that there was a generation ago. The railroads have of necessity had to adopt a retrenchment policy and this means cutting first the common labor. So the outlook for the colored man as a railroader is not reassuring.

The building trades likewise offer little incentive for training as there is no regularity of employment in these lines that there was 10 or 20 years ago.

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Kingston, Tenn. D.
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Jackson, Tenn. Sun
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Knoxville, Tenn. News Sentinel
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July 30, 1938

2500 NEGROES ATTEND INSTITUTE IN JACKSON

Hear Talks By Williamson
Nichols and Brooks

From The Commercial Appeal
Jackson, Tennessee, Bureau

JACKSON, Tenn., July 29.—More than 2500 negro farmers and homemakers came to the 250-acre West Tennessee Experiment Station here today to learn the latest ideas in farming at the thirty-fifth annual Farmers' and Homemakers' Institute.

The joint session this afternoon featured talks by H. S. Nichols, assistant director of the Agricultural Extension Service, W. H. Williamson, assistant state agent in charge of negro work, and Judd Brooks, district extension agent.

Mr. Nichols discussed ways of changing farm work with the times to the best advantage. "Make your farm self-supporting," he said, stressing the garden as the most important piece of land, discouraging one-crop farming and advocating more livestock and foodstuff.

Mr. Brooks, commending the agricultural progress of the negro, pointed out that they needed more land. He spoke in favor of more livestock growing, dairying, fertilizing and a more extensive cover crops program.

Assistant Agent Williamson led a "panel discussion on gardens." The proper crops to grow, preparation of the soil, protection against insects and the control measure were discussed.